

Marshfield Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m. • Thursday, June 16, 2016 • Old School House Common

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Members present: Jon Groveman, Melissa Seifert, Bob Light, Ivan Shadis and Faeterri Silver. Not present: Michael Schumacher. The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm.

1. **Approved Minutes** - The members reviewed and approved the minutes of May 5, 2016 with the minor change of reference to the Zoning Administrator instead of by name to paragraph 4. Ivan will submit final version to Town Clerk. The members also reviewed and approved the minutes of May 19, 2016, the first Forum on Zoning, and Jon will submit to Town Clerk.
2. **Recording Secretary** - Barbara will not be able to continue to be our recording secretary on Thursday evenings. Ivan expressed interest and the members agreed to Ivan taking on that task with appropriate remuneration. Jon will email Selectboard about Barbara's leave and about Ivan taking over. We all agreed to Barbara doing that job anytime she would like to in the future.
3. **Village Designation** - Many Village Trustees attended a meeting about Village Designation. A site walk was conducted. The PC would like to move forward with Village Designation, the Selectboard agreed and voted to move forward if the trustees are willing to move forward.

The Energy Committee wanted to know when Village Designation might happen because there is a grant available. The main thing is drawing the village boundaries, where the growth areas and the commercial areas may be (Creamery St. to Fire Station) and the civic center (Old Schoolhouse Common). Grants are available for residential, affordable, senior housing or multi-family housing options. Listed would be potential benefits. Jon will send PowerPoint presentation of Village Designation meeting to members.

4. **Forum** - A good core group of people attended, most of those are planning interested. We got key principles regarding general zoning spoken about. Ivan will get video link for and Jon will post Forum I minutes on Front Porch Forum (FPF). We will post all our minutes on FPF so people can get involved.

The next forum will be held in the fall. Not enough representation of what our Marshfield community reflects. How do we get more people out about this important issue, what do we do next. Building an email list is a good tool. Reach out to those who did show up to bring more people. We plan to pick specific ideas that we are considering to get people to our next forum.

Brainstorm session:

- Adjust Forest/Conservation (FC) district to reflect where resources are from Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (RPC) and Agency of Natural Resources data and begin to allow some development with lines determined by

most ecologically significant areas. Jon will draft something up with proposed language.

Ask RPC to do mock-ups maps:

- Zoning with increased regulations similar to our updated subdivision regulations.
- 800' building area in Rural/Residential (R/R) district with knock-out of steep slopes.
- Changes to map of R/R district near Plainfield village.
- Green belt of scenic vistas.
- Potential commercial/industrial development areas.
- Village district zoning changes in regards to lots sizes, setbacks, variances to ease altering structures, up instead of out, and parking.

5. **CVRPC** - The RPC is considering a river corridor plan. Jon will give RPC our completed checklist. Town plan: we want to ask RPC to cover everything. Add flood resiliency element in plan. Ivan will look at adjacent town plans.
6. Agenda for next meeting –
 1. Changes to agenda.
 2. Approve minutes.
 3. Reports.
 4. Forum II ideas, come to consensus and Forum II agenda.
 5. Village Designation
 6. Town Plan update and state mandates.
 7. River corridors and flood resiliency plan completion.

The next meeting will be on September 1, 2016 at 7pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Faeterri Silver